

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of the present application. Claims 1, 19, 44, 69, 81 and 99 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 4-6, 9-10, 17-18, 20, 22-30, 50, 71-72, 74-78, 80, 83-85, 86-91, 92, 100-101, 103-105, 109-110 and 112-113 have been amended. No claims have been added. Therefore, 2-10, 12-18, 20-38, 40-43, 45-68, 71-80, 83-92 and 100-113 are presented for examination.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 20, 21, 78, 79, 90, 91, 110 and 111 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 20, 78, 90 and 110 into independent form incorporating the subject matter of independent claims 1, 69, 81 and 99, respectively. Accordingly, each dependent claim of the present application depends from one of independent claims 20, 30, 50, 78, 90 and 110, and as such, includes the indicated allowable subject matter. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and request allowance of said claims.

### Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome and the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

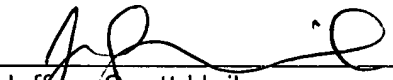
If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of the claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Scott Heilesen at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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